

BATTLE FOR FREE STATE.

FORCED FIGHTING

ATTACK BY KITCHENER ON BOERS.

CRONJE TO STAND

BIG JOB FOR NAGLE.

SNOW ALL NIGHT

Cold to Follow Storm
Now Raging—Nearly
Four Inches of Snow
Up to This Afternoon
and No End in Sight.

A cold wave is coming on the track of the storm and by to-morrow morning the mercury will begin a drop of from 16 to 18 degrees.

"I do not say it will be a blizzard," remarked Weather Forecaster Official Emery. "But we are going to have plenty of snow during the night and heavy overcasts will be needed to-morrow. We have storm signals flying all along the New England and Middle Atlantic coast. It is snowing or raining in nearly every portion of the union. It is snowing in Tennessee to-day, which is remarkable."

Snow has appeared in Chattanooga, Lynchburg, Knoxville, Washington, Baltimore, Atlantic City and elsewhere.

"During the past twenty-four hours there have been light snow falls over the Missouri Valley, northeastward to the lakes. Six inches of snow has fallen in Washington. The temperature is from 2 to 6 degrees below the freezing point all along the Western and Middle Gulf coast. The zero temperature extends as far east as Ohio. Indianapolis registered four degrees below zero."

By 2 o'clock this afternoon the total fall of snow for the day amounted to over two inches, and it was coming down fast.

All trains arriving during the afternoon were reported as being late, and at the Grand Central Depot and in the depots across the river in Jersey City and Hoboken preparations were made to cope with the white mantle which covered the tracks.

Many sleighs and cutters were out during the afternoon, as there was a general anxiety to secure all the good that could be got out of what was practically the first storm of the season.

There was bustle and excitement at the Bureau of Street Cleaning as soon as it was realized that the storm would be a severe one, and many kindly individuals called on Commissioner Nagle to tell him just what he ought to do in order to best cope with these, to him, new conditions.

The Commissioner was busy all day communicating with the heads of bureaus and the contractors for removing the snow, and urging them to get out their shovels and get to work.

Mr. Nagle was informed that it was going to snow all day and night.

"All right, let it," said the Commissioner cheerily. "We are prepared for it. Now I will show them what I can do."

He said proudly, throwing back his chest. "I don't remove the snow as fast as ever Col. Waring did, these rascals."

"The contractors are getting ready up town, we are getting ready downtown. When it stops snowing wait and see us get to work. Just give me time."

Fire Department Commissioner Beantell sent notice to the various engine houses to-day that they could be supplied with extra horses if necessary. Some had been asked for during the afternoon, but it was anticipated that they would be needed.

At seven o'clock to-morrow morning



Now Let Us See Him Clean the Streets.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending 3 P. M. Sunday, for New York City and vicinity: Snow to-night, clearing and much colder Sunday. High northeast, shifting to northwest winds.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature for the morning hours as indicated by the thermometer at Perry's pharmacy:

A. M. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.

A HINT TO GERMANY.

Sultan Decorates President Loubet with Highest Order in His Empire.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The Sultan's Envoy, Munir Bey, presented President Loubet to-day with the insignia and Grand Cordons of the Order of Nishanisthan, the highest decoration in the Turkish Empire, which the Sultan sent specially by Munir.

Considerable importance is attached in political circles to the bestowal of the order because it was previously bestowed upon Emperor William, and the Sultan's action is interpreted as indicating his desire to show France equals equal prestige with Germany at the Ottoman Court.

ARUNDEL STILL SAFE.

British Outposts Have Been Reinforced, and So Boers Have Been Seen About.

ARUNDEL, Cape Colony, Friday, Feb. 16.—All quiet to-day. No Boers about. The British outposts are guarding the railroad. Reinforcements have arrived.

FRENCH IS PROMOTED.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Queen has promoted Gen. French to be major-general. French heretofore has only ranked as a colonel in the army, with the local rank of brigadier-general.

Leut.-Col. Kerevich has been promoted colonel for services in the defense of Kimberley.

CHANCE SEEN FOR RAILWAY.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—United States Ambassador, Charles Drexler, Lord Salisbury today at the Foreign Office.



(The Boer Commander, who is retreating to Bloemfontein.)

\$115,500 TO REACH SENATE

Senator Clark Testifies to Big Campaign Expenses.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Senator Clark of Montana, was called to testify in the election bribery case to-day before the Senate committee.

Mr. Clark said of his contributions that he had agreed with his friends to furnish a preliminary \$25,000 for campaign expenses.

One made a second contribution in October amounting to \$25,000. In November he contributed \$25,000, and after he was elected he gave his son, C. W. Clark, a check for about \$25,000 to pay expenses incurred during the sitting of the Legislature in Helena.

These four contributions, amounting in all to \$115,500, were all he had given, he said.

Explaining to Senator Hoar, Mr. Clark said that the first contribution of \$25,000 was necessary in organizing for the legislative campaign, a great deal of money being required to get votes registered and to get them to the polls.

"Did you ever," asked Mr. Paulsen, "directly or indirectly make any money or other voluntary contributions to secure the vote of any member of the Legislature for you for United States Senator?"

"No, sir, I never did," responded the witness holding himself erect and looking directly at his interrogator.

"Do you know of your own personal knowledge of any money being used to corruptly influence votes in your behalf?" was the next question.

To this the Senator replied: "I do not. There were plenty of rumors about the expenditure of money, but I have no personal knowledge of any thing of that kind being done."

DIDN'T KISS; BURNED HIM.

Wright Refuses Because His Child Was Affectionate and Had a Lighted Candle.

Albert Wright, a well-known resident of New Brunswick, is confined to his home to-day suffering from burns. His little daughter in attempting last night to kiss her father who was lying on a couch stumbled and fell. She had in her hand a lighted candle. In falling the girl set fire to the fringe on the couch. Before Mr. Wright could get out of the way he was badly burned about the face and body.

Pennsylvania Railroad Train to Cincinnati.

Run over the closed line, but track and engine are broken.

10 P. M. EXTRA

STEAMER GRAF WALDERSEE.

RAN ASHORE IN STORM

DOWN THE BAY.

The Hamburg-American liner Graf Waldersee was reported aground in the bay near the Rorer Shoals, at 6 o'clock this evening. She was bound for Hamburg with 100 cabin passengers and 120 steerage.

She left her dock at 2 o'clock this afternoon in command of Capt. Const. The company sent two tugs down to the steamer. Word was sent up that the vessel was lying easily, and would probably be floated without much trouble.

The vessel carries a crew of 100 men. She is of 6,000 tons, and carried a general cargo.

DEATH STROKE IN STREET CAR

Alexander Barclay, fifty-five years old, of 310 President-street, Brooklyn, a dealer in oils at 136 Water street, became suddenly ill in a Belt line car at Old Slip and Front street this afternoon. He was carried into the Old Slip police station-house, where he died.

STORM HAMPERS TRAFFIC

Traffic on land and water was seriously hampered by the storm this evening. All the street car lines, both elevated and surface, were delayed, and blocks were frequent. As the night advanced conditions grew worse.

The weather was so thick on the water that the fog bells of the ferries were kept ringing, and navigation was impossible. No ferries came up from Quarantine after noon.

Later this afternoon the observer at Sandy Hook reported the wind blowing at a velocity of forty miles an hour, with a squally thick fog and snow falling heavily.

The American liner St. Louis, due in port to-day, had not been sighted at 6 o'clock this evening.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS

FIFTH RACE—Monagah 1. Hikin 2. Goose Liver 3.

FOUND HER LOVER TRUE.

Evening World's Story of Miss Pollard's Chase Availed.

Through the publication of her story in the Evening World Miss Pollard has found her lover true. She has found her sweetheart, Edward Perry Church.

The girl came from Manchester, England, nearly a year ago to marry him, but was unable to find any trace of him.

Church is a compositor, and through Typographical Union No. 4 it was learned to-day that he was living at 22 West Houston street. Miss Pollard was taken there at once.

"Oh, Edmund, dear!" was all the little English lass could say as she nestled in his outstretched arms, with tears of joy streaming down her cheeks.

Church seemed delighted to see his sweetheart. He was not expecting her. "I left England and my sweetheart because of my parents," he said. "They don't really see how I can now, as I have no work and no money."

"If I can get work we will be married right off," he added consolingly to the girl who followed him 1,000 miles to an unknown country for love.

Church says his parents are comfortably well off. He has no money, but at the Star Hotel, where he stopped when he landed two weeks ago, it is said he had considerable cash awaiting his demand.

Write Edmund Church for copy of "Tiger Hunt" in the World. Box 100, 210 of 220 Broadway.



BOERS COMPELLED TO GIVE BATTLE.

A big battle is in progress in the Orange Free State.

Lord Kitchener has brought Gen. Cronje's retreating Boer army of 10,000 to a halt and forced a fight.

A large force of Boers were left behind and are still holding Magersfontein kopjes, which have been practically surrounded. Gen. MacDonald having occupied a position west of them.

Kitchener has already captured seventy-eight wagons of stores and ammunition belonging to Cronje, and was shelling his laager at last reports.

Cronje is the most redoubtable leader of the Boers. He is called the "Lion of Africa," and for stubborn determination and resource he outranks even Joubert in the estimation of the English.

An attack in force by the Boers has been made on Gen. Gatacre's advance at Molteno, Cape Colony.

A British convoy of many wagons is reported to have been captured by the Boers.

KITCHENER HALTS BOERS.

Retreating Army Forced to Longer and Fight Many Wagons Captured.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Gen. Cronje, the "Lion of Africa," with his retreating army of 10,000 men, has been brought to bay by Lord Kitchener, and a big battle is in progress in the Free State.

Kitchener's whereabouts, which puzzled the military experts, is now known. He is with Gen. Kelly-Kenny's division, and has hung so closely on the retreating Boer army that Cronje has been forced to halt and fight.

He captured seventy-eight wagons of Boer stores and ammunition belonging to the fleeing Boers and at last reports was shelling the laager formed in defense of Gen. Cronje.

ROBERTS REPORTS.

This news comes in a despatch from Lord Roberts as follows:

"JACOBSDAL, Feb. 17.—5.50 A. M.—Gen. Kelly-Kenny's brigade captured yesterday seventy-eight wagons laden with stores, two wagons of Manner rifles, eight boxes of shells, ten barrels of explosives and a large quantity of stores, all belonging to Cronje's laager, which was still being shelled by our artillery when Kitchener despatched his messenger."

A previous press despatch from Jacobsdal said that Gen. Cronje had been compelled to abandon his position.

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